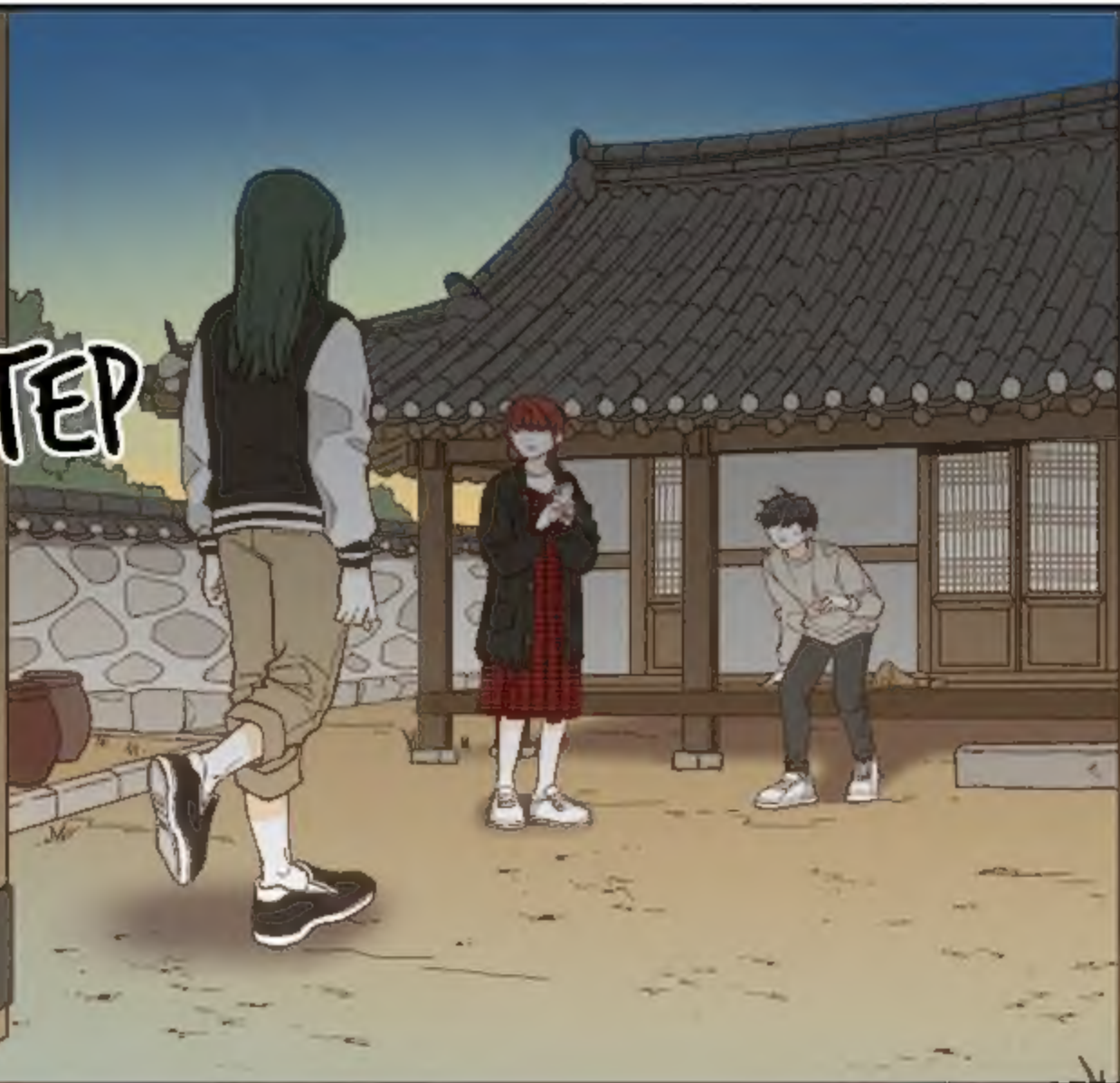


STEP











I DON'T
BLAME YOU.

I'M NOT
GOING TO.

I'M FINE.



MY PARENTS
PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS
SO YOUNG THAT I DON'T
EVEN REMEMBER
THEM.





I WON'T
RESENT YOU.

SO PLEASE...



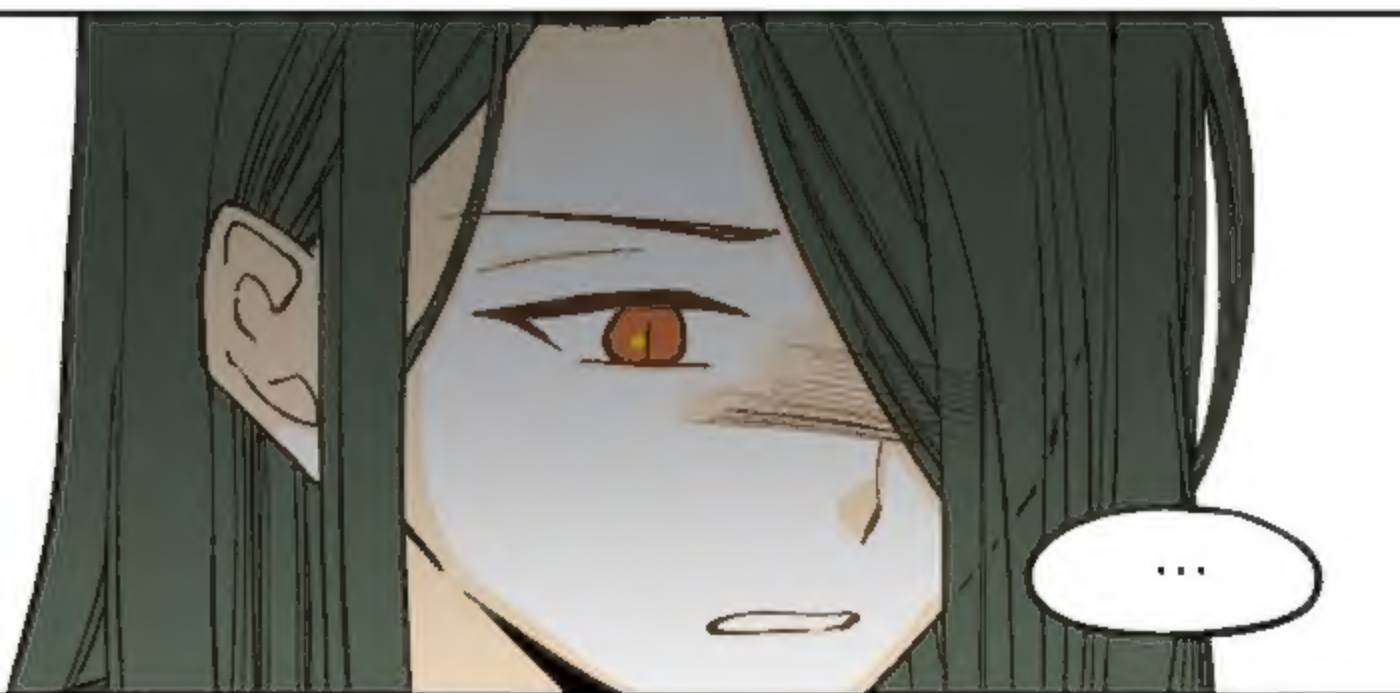
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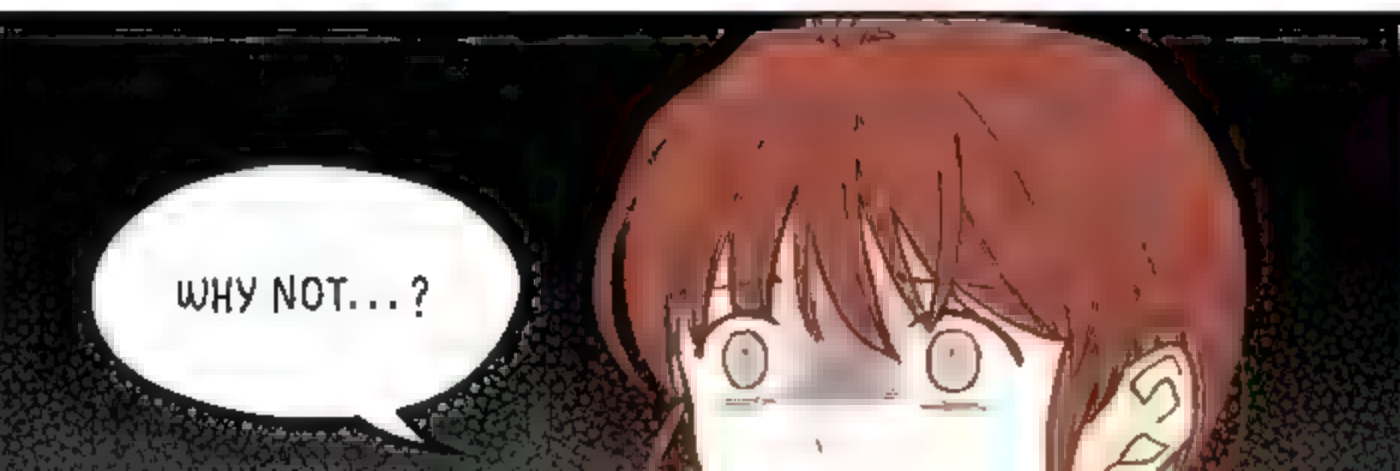
CAN'T YOU SAVE
MY GRANDMA?

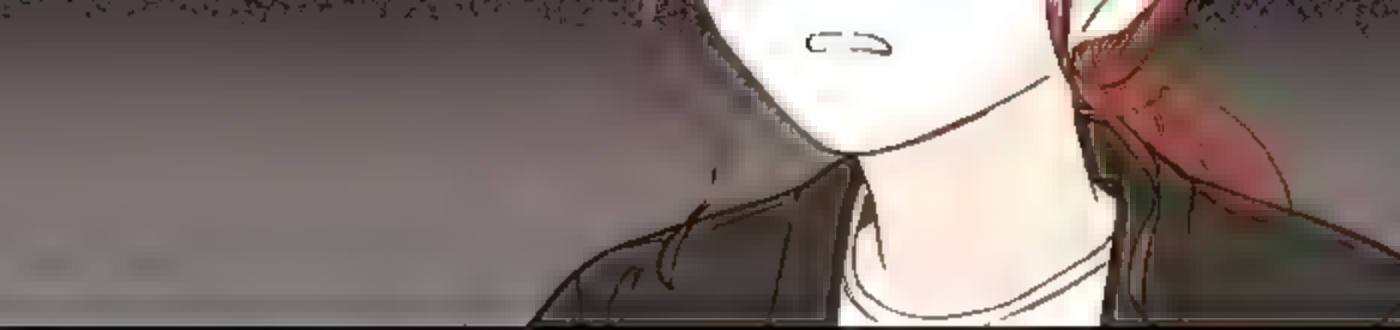


ALL
I NEED...

...IS MY
GRANDMA...







YOU CAN
KILL PEOPLE,
BUT YOU CAN'T
SAVE THEM?

TREMBLE

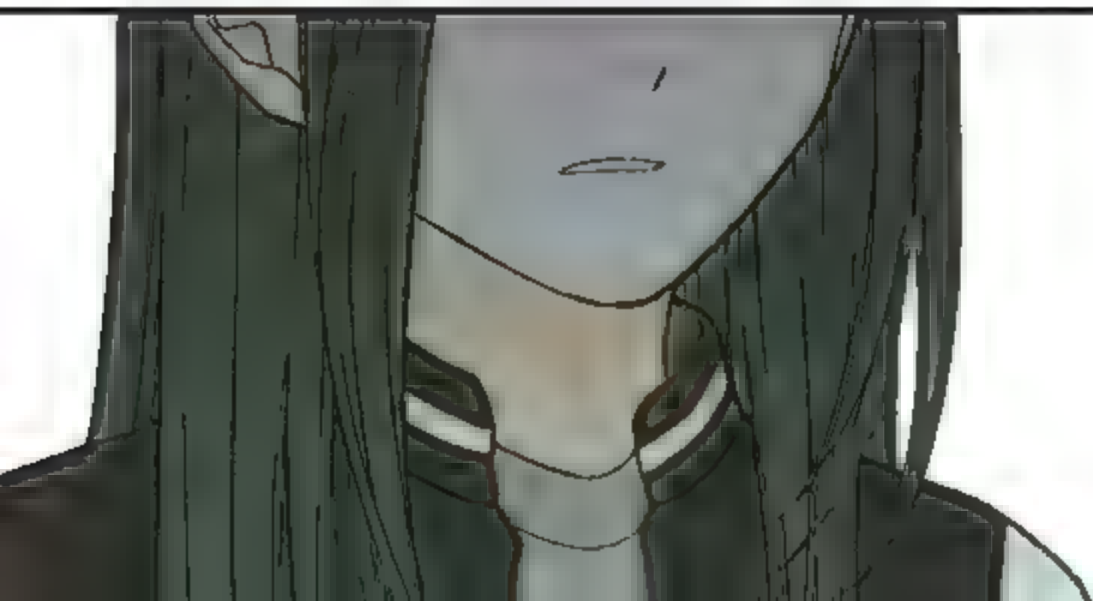
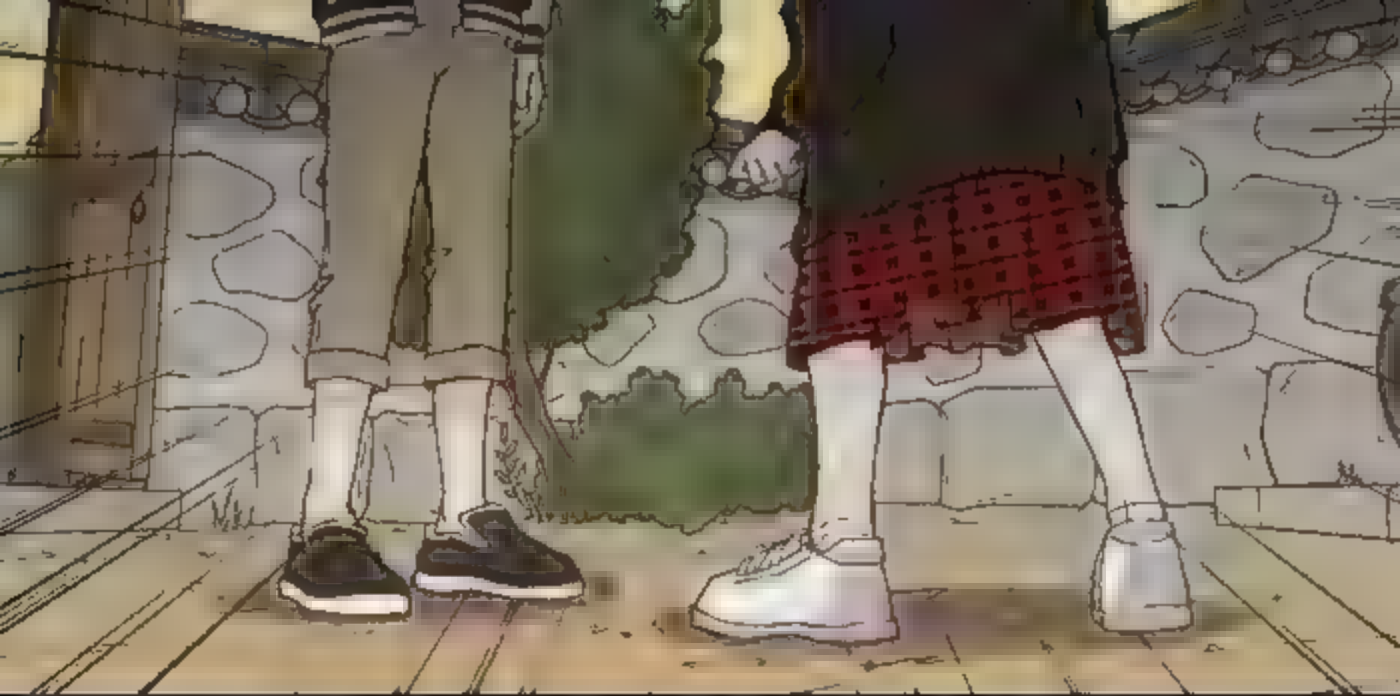
WHY NOT...?
WHY THE HELL
NOT?

WHAT'S THE USE
OF BEING ABLE TO
KILL PEOPLE BUT NOT
BEING ABLE TO
SAVE THEM?!



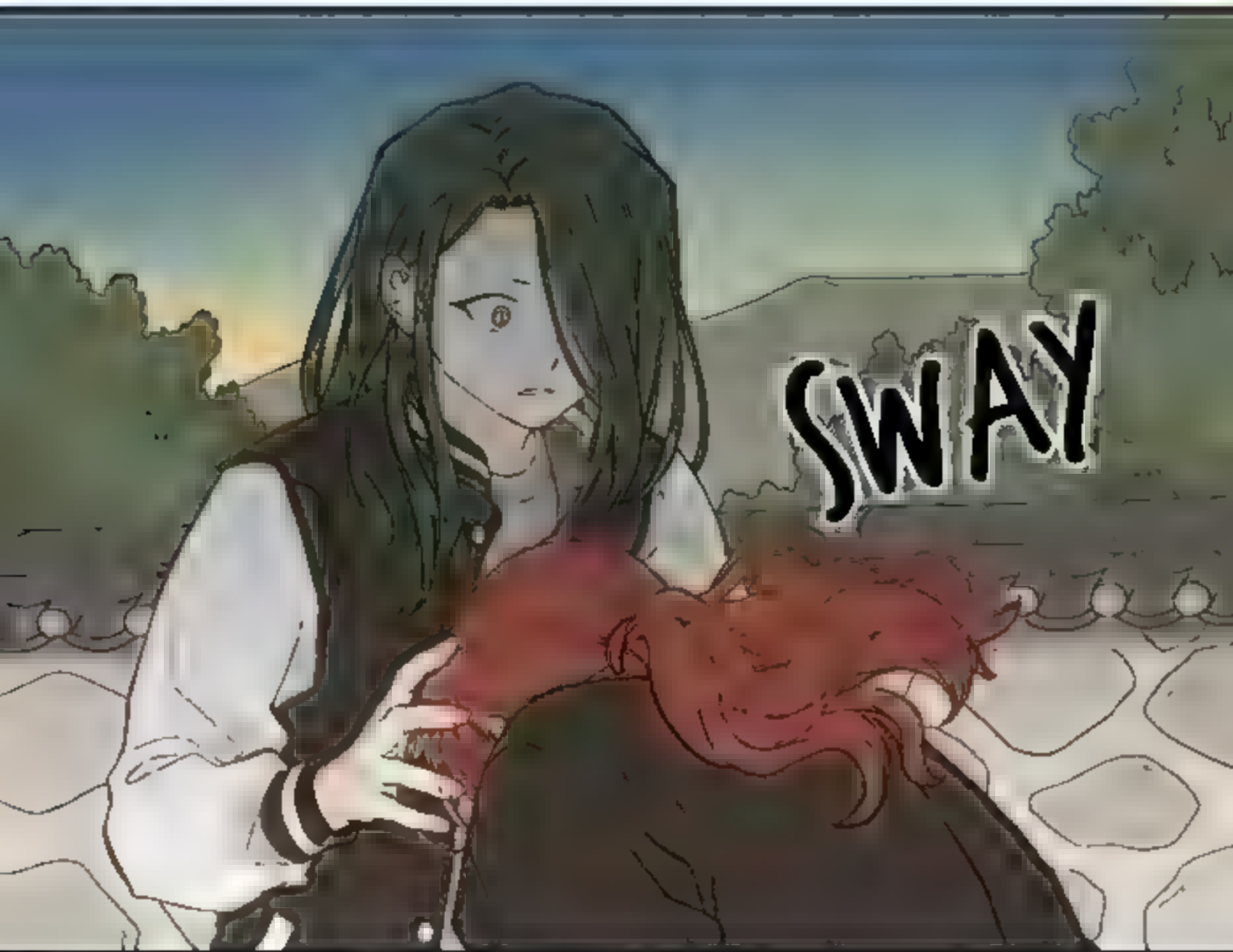
WHY DID YOU
DO THAT?!

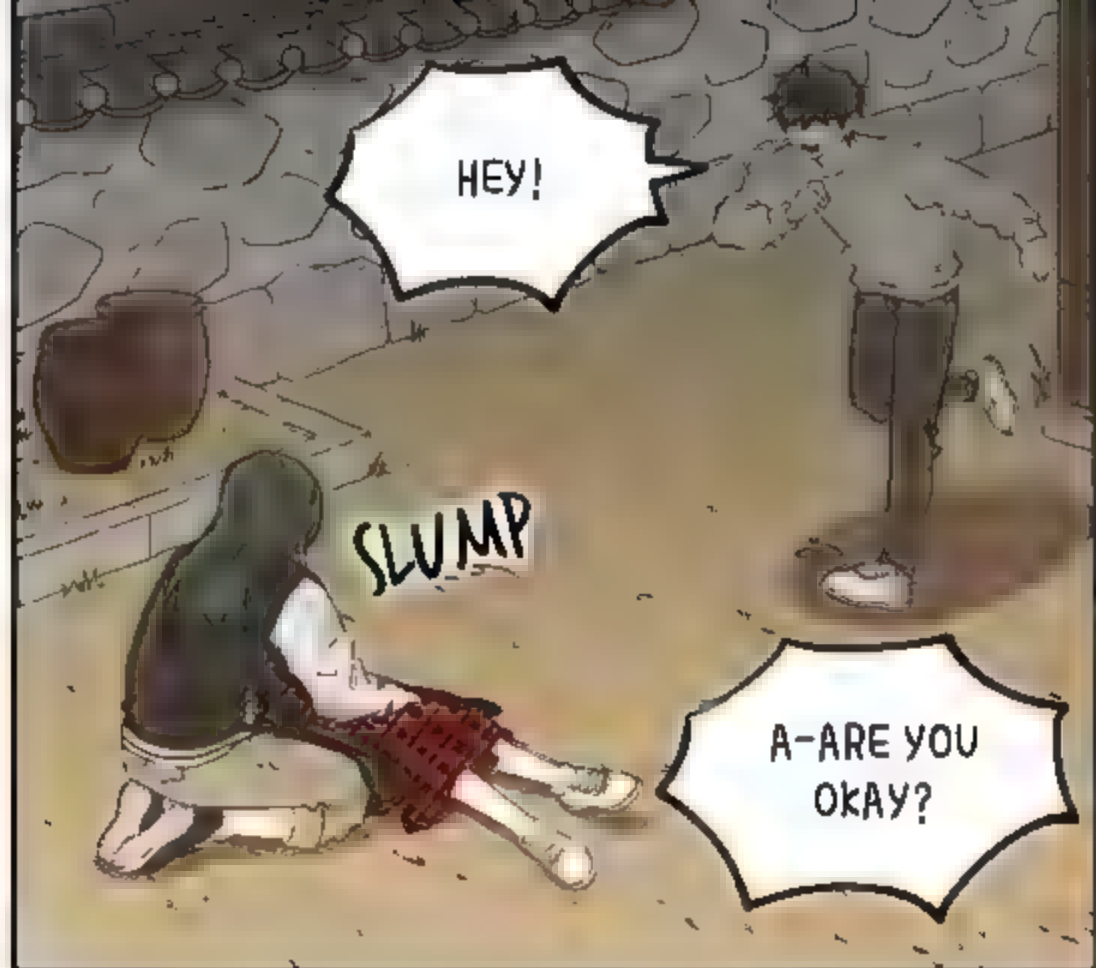


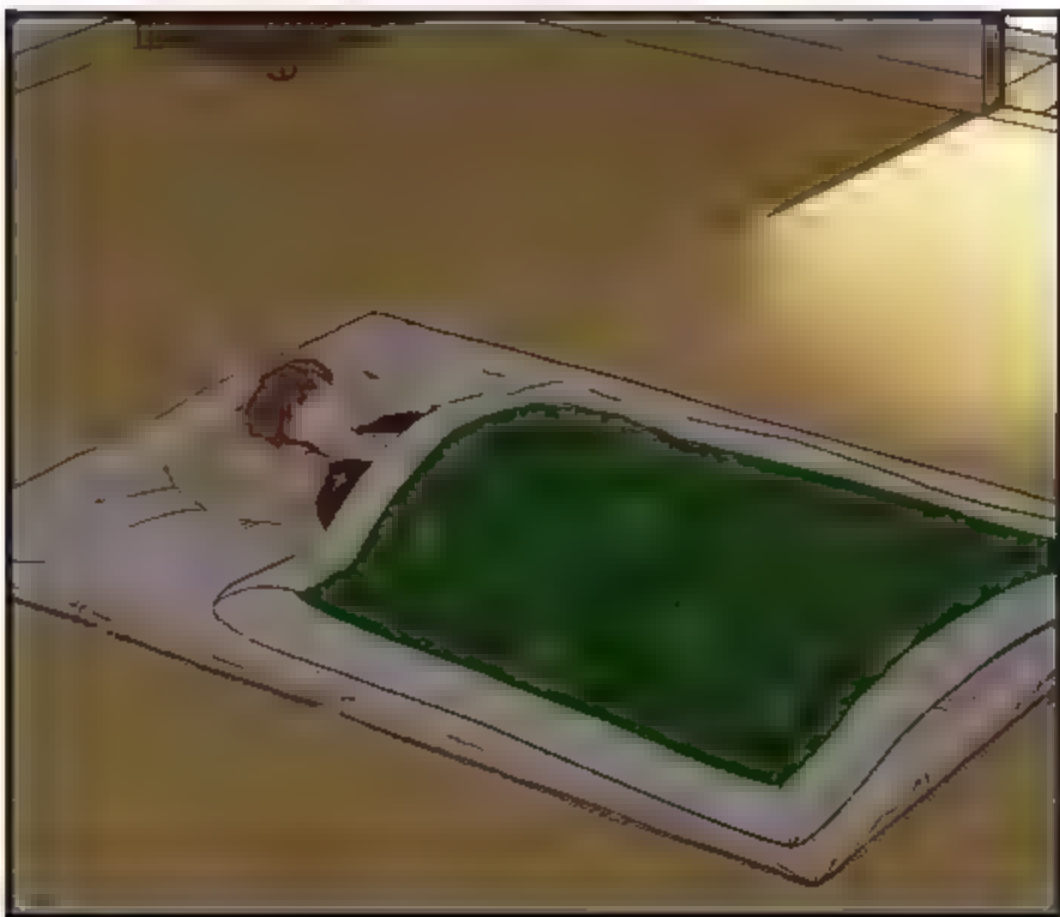


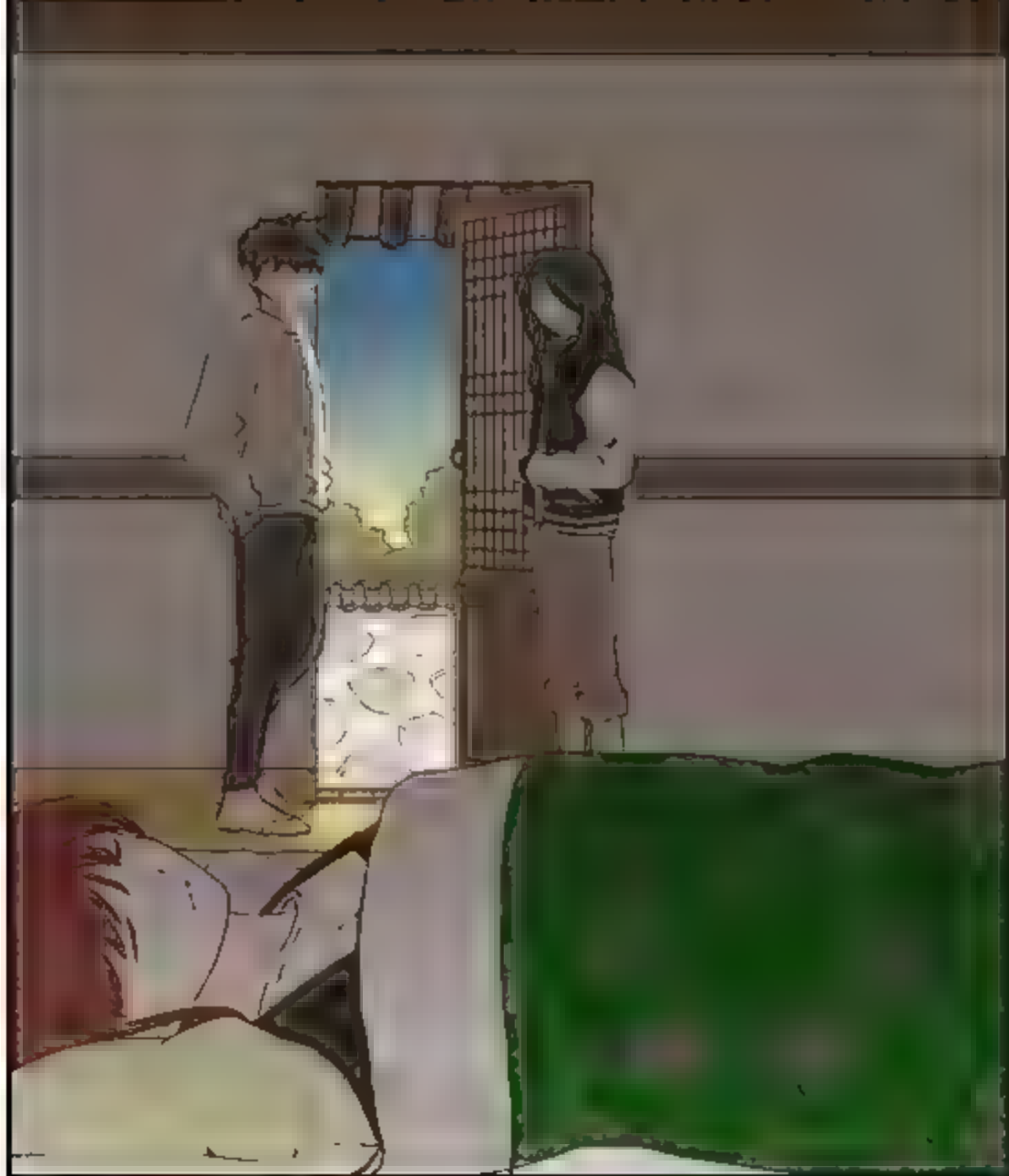




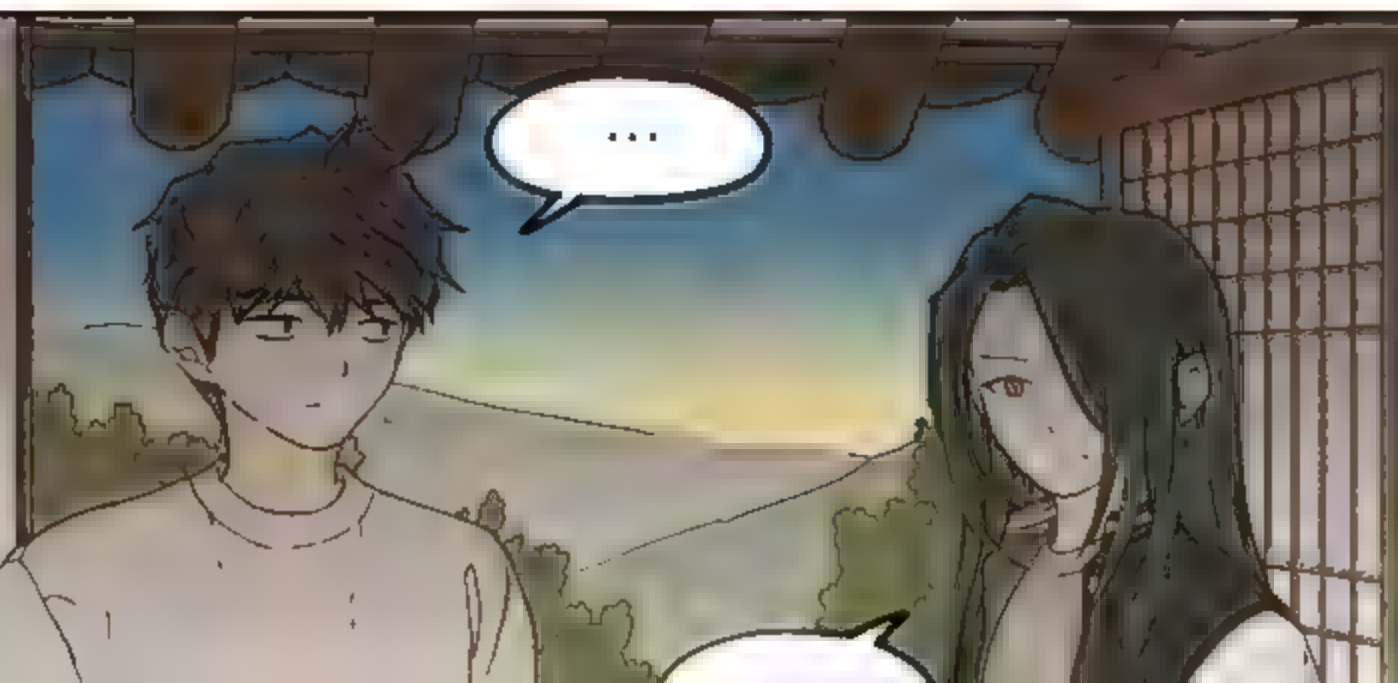
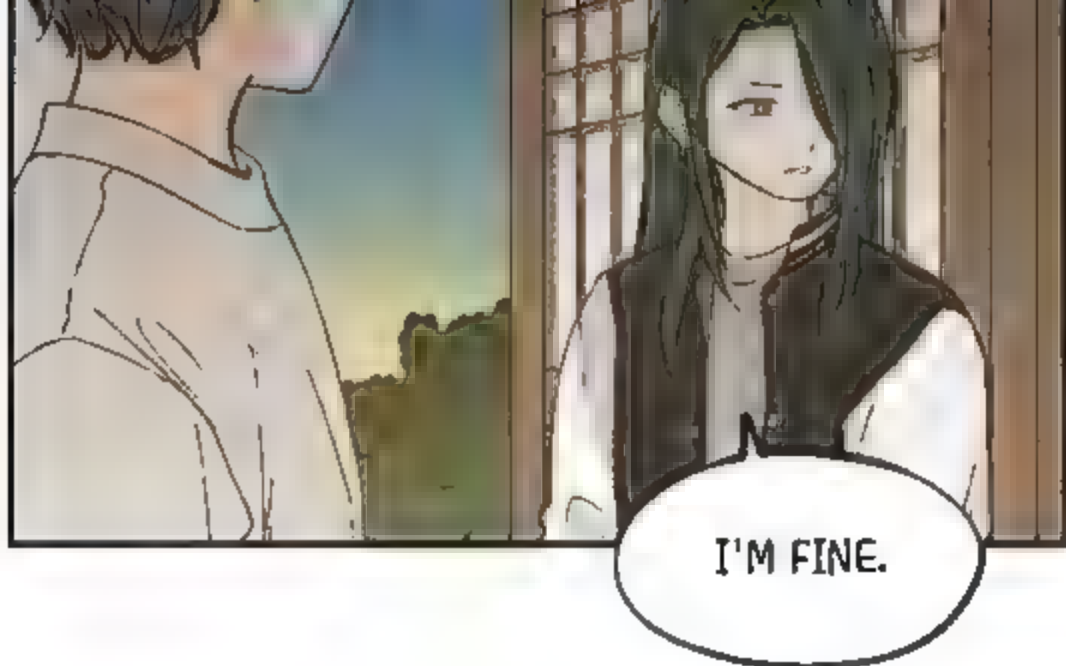




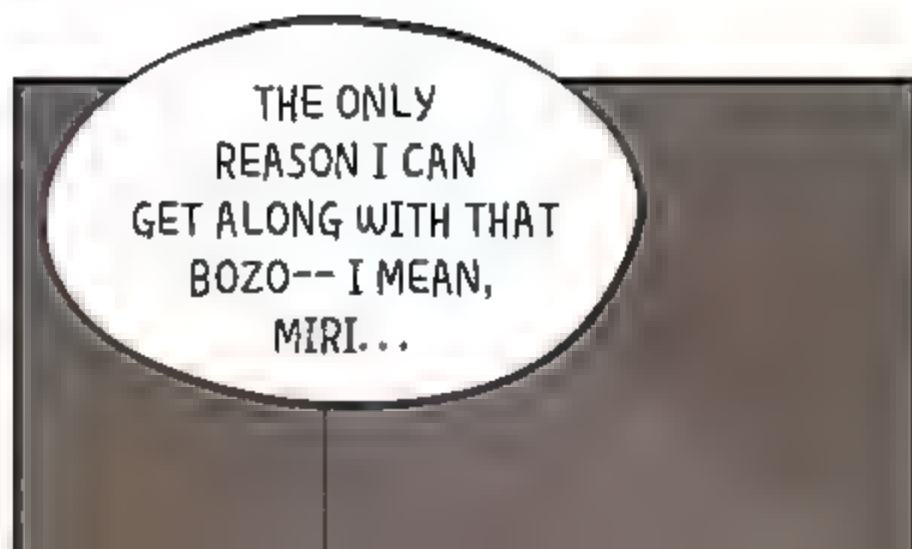
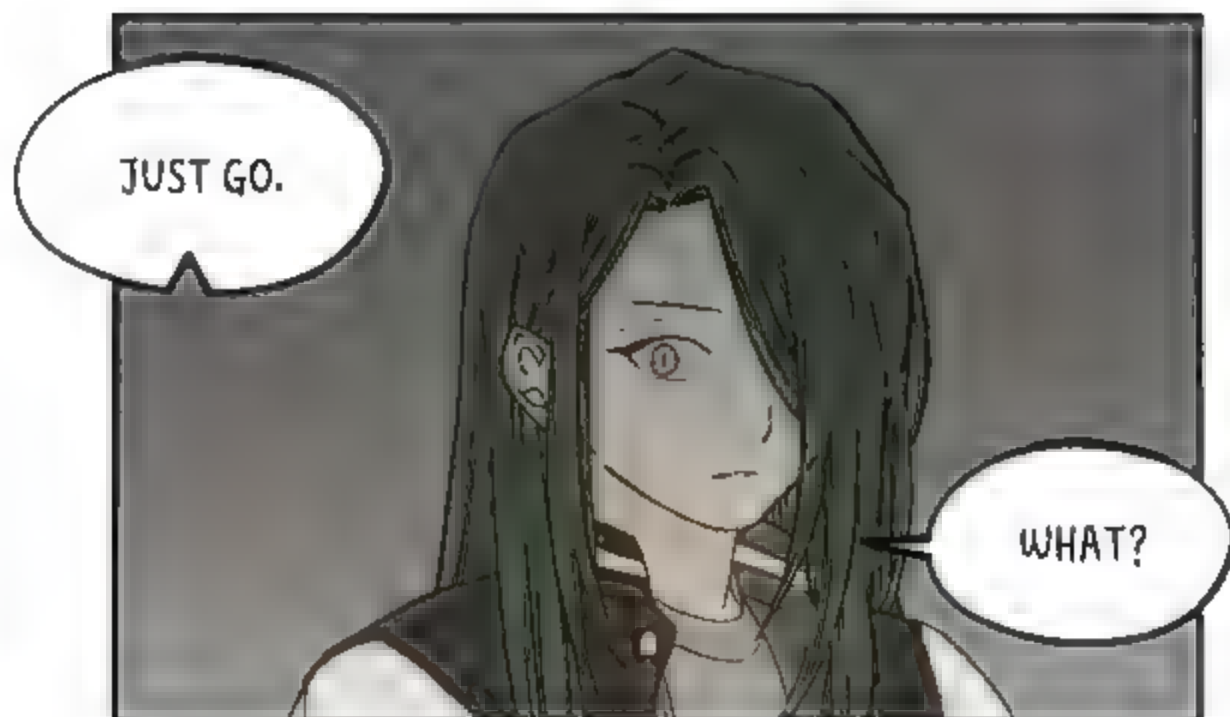












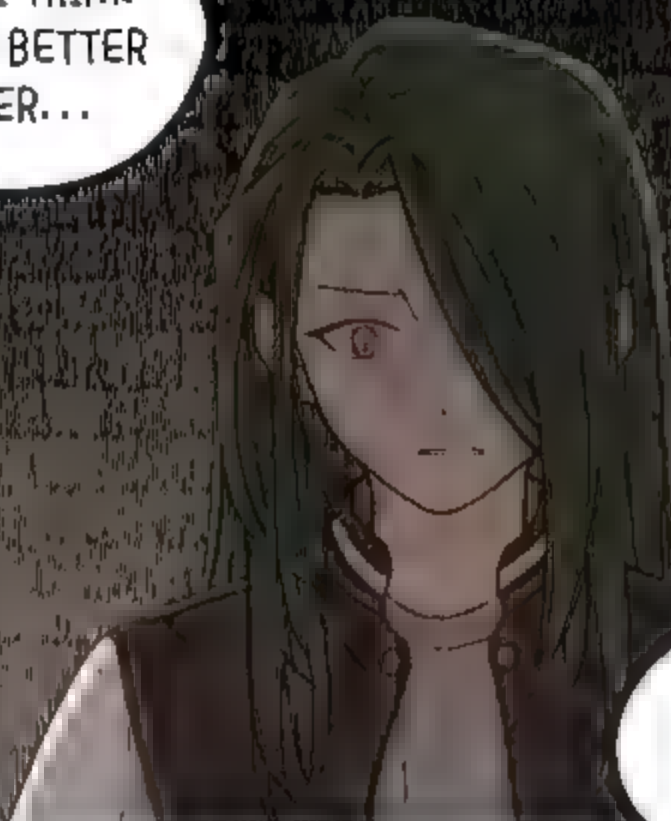


...IS BECAUSE
I DON'T REALLY CARE
ABOUT THE KARMA OR CURSE
OR WHATEVER THAT
HE PLACED.



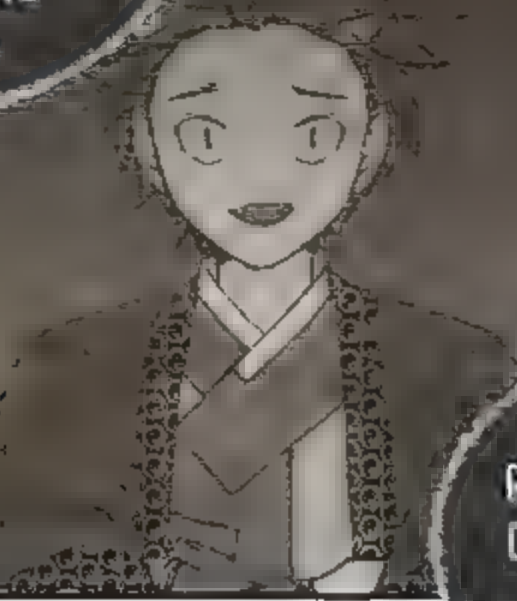
BUT HERS...
IS TOO SEVERE.





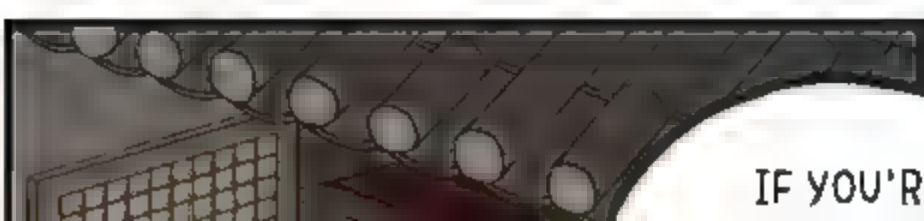
... BUT I THINK
IT'LL BE BETTER
FOR HER...

... IF SHE DOESN'T
SEE YOU.

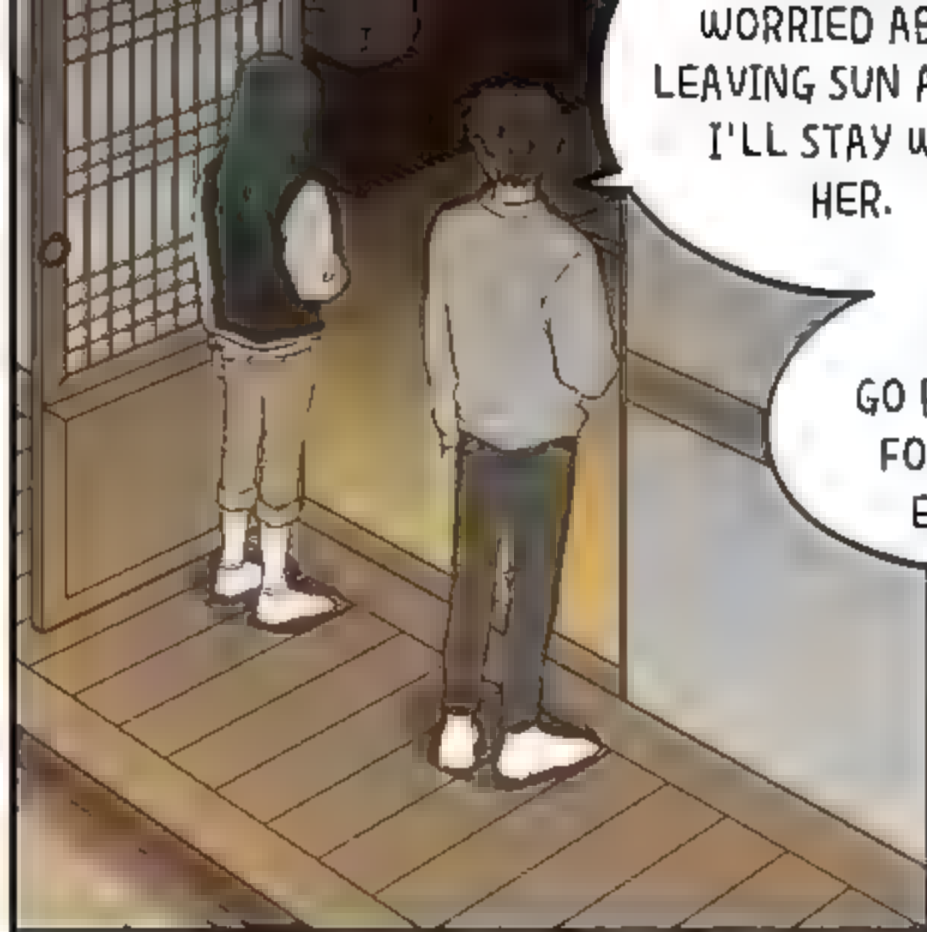


YOU
MUST HAVE
FORGOTTEN THAT YOU
AND YOUR ASSISTANT
ARE MORTAL
ENEMIES.

THE
PERSON THAT'S MOST
DANGEROUS TO YOUR
ASSISTANT
IS YOU.



IF YOU'RE



IF YOU
CAN'T SAVE HER
GRANDMA...



... YOU
SHOULD AT
LEAST SAVE HER
FROM HER
KARMA.

HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON

The title is rendered in a playful, hand-drawn style. 'HOW' and 'TO BECOME' are in a solid blue, blocky font. 'A DRAGON' is in a similar blue font but filled with a dark, repeating geometric pattern. The letter 'A' has two small black antennae-like strokes extending from its top. The letter 'N' has a long, thin, curved stroke extending from its top right, ending in a small, open, hand-like shape.

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SIGH...
WHY AM I...

...ACTING
LIKE THEIR
SERVANT...?

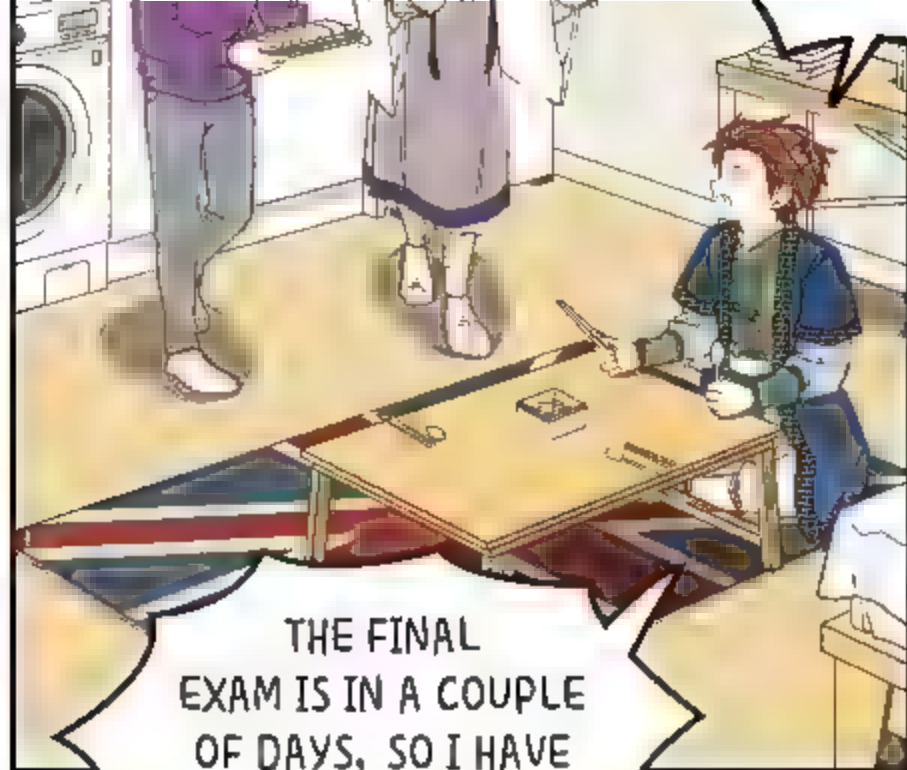


I'M STARVING
OVER HERE!

WHY DID YOU COME
WITH US TO THIS TINY STUDIO
INSTEAD OF GOING BACK TO
HUON'S MANSION?



ARE YOU
KIDDING ME?



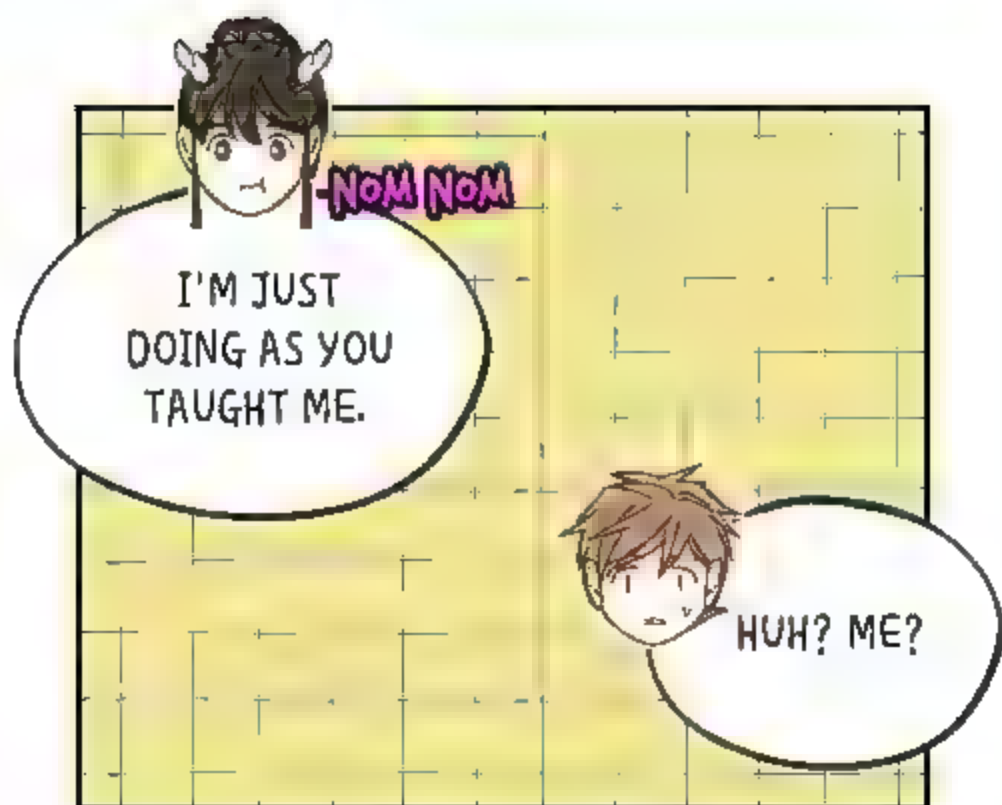
THE FINAL
EXAM IS IN A COUPLE
OF DAYS, SO I HAVE
TO MAKE A GOOD
IMPRESSION--



I-I MEAN, ♪ ♪
I SHOULD HELP
YOU PREPARE!

♪ BECAUSE ♪
♪ WE'RE A TEAM! ♪





IT WAS
THE FIRST THING YOU
TAUGHT ME.





IF YOU
KNOW YOUR ENEMY,
YOU CAN NEVER
LOSE.



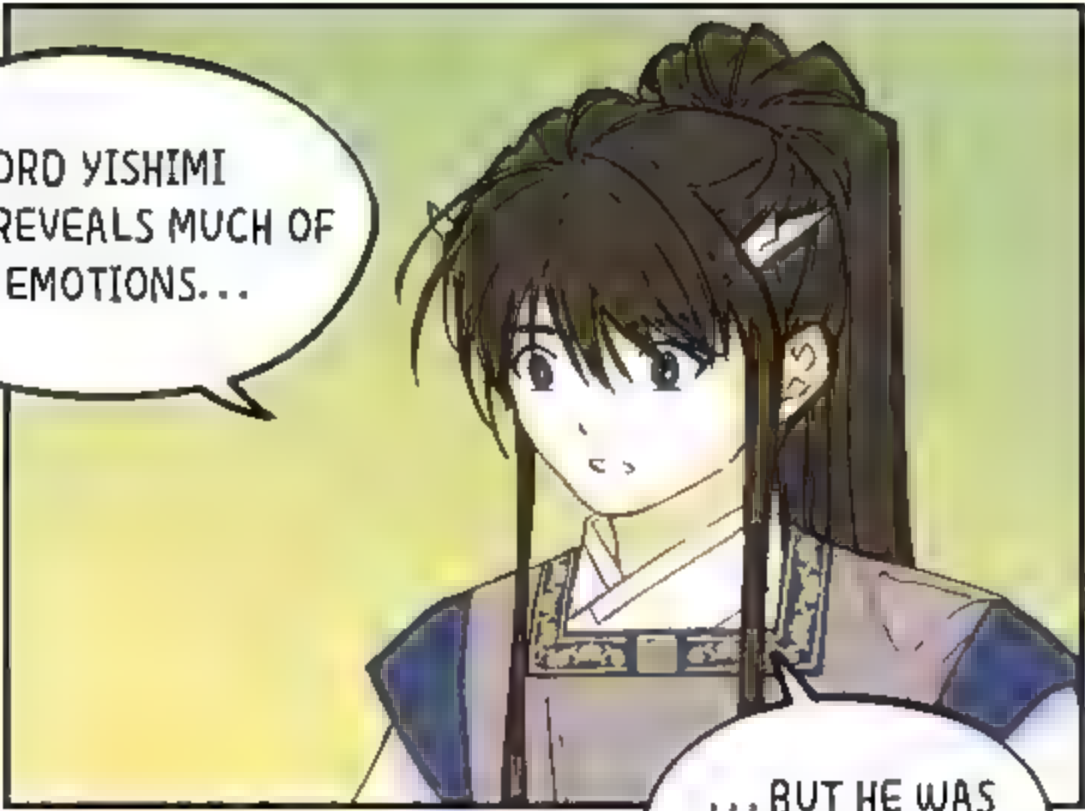
THEN...

THE PERSON
YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR IS...

IS IT
THAT PERSON
WHO WAS HOLDING
LORD YISHIMI'S
WRIST...



... WHEN WE MET
THE FAKE EASTERN
DRAGON KING?



LORD YISHIMI
NEVER REVEALS MUCH OF
HIS EMOTIONS...

... BUT HE WAS
DIFFERENT THEN.



YEONGNO
HEARD FROM
LORD YISHIMI...



... THAT HE HAD
A FRIEND WHO FELL IN LOVE
WITH A HUMAN AND GAVE UP
ON TRAINING. THIS ENRAGED
CHEONRYONG, AND
THE FRIEND DIED.

I WANT
TO KNOW WHY
LORD YISHIMI
GAVE UP ON
ASCENDING,

AND WHY
HE'S ATTEMPTING
THE EXAM AGAIN.

I'M SURE
THAT ALL OF THE

THAT ALL OF THE
ANSWERS...

... LIE WITH
THAT SNAKE.

IF ONE
OF HIS CLOSE
FRIENDS DIED BECAUSE
CHEONRYONG WAS
MAD AT THEM...

...MAYBE
HE WANTS TO
GAIN CHEONRYONG'S
FORGIVENESS AND BRING
HIS FRIEND BACK
TO LIFE?

IF HE BECOMES
A DRAGON, CHEONRYONG
WILL GRANT HIM
A WISH.

THAT...

THAT IS
NOT A VALID
REQUEST.

... SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE...

WELL,
AS LONG AS
WE FIND OUT THEIR
NAME AND DO SOME
RESEARCH,



WE'LL BE
ABLE TO FIND
OUT LORD YISHIMI'S
WEAKNESSES BEFORE
THE EXAM!

DON'T GET
SO EXCITED.
YOU SOUND LIKE
A VILLAIN.



IT HAS TO BE
A SNAKE AROUND

THE SAME AGE AS
LORD YISHIMI,

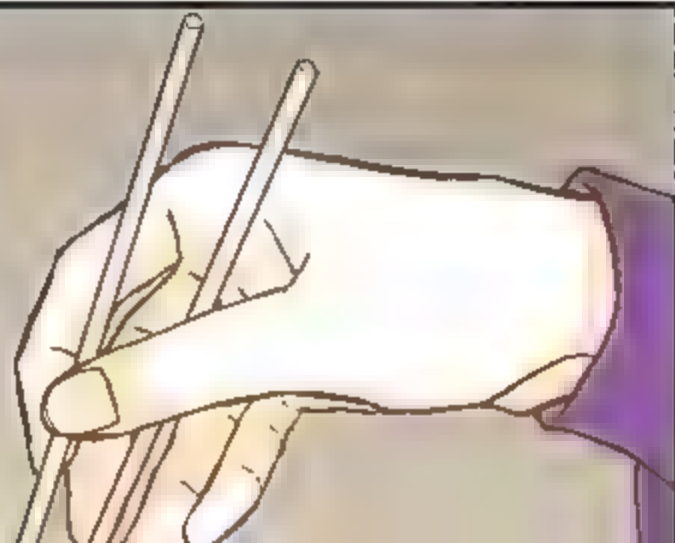
A FEMALE,

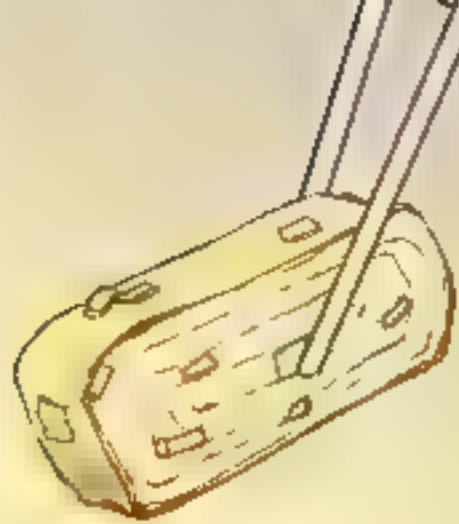
AND
SOMEONE WHO DIED
JUST BEFORE HIS
ASCENSION.

HER NAME...



I BET...





... THE
EASTERN
DRAGON PRINCESS
KNOWS HER
NAME.

ONE OF THE
PEOPLE IN DISGUISE
WAS A SERVANT OF THE
EASTERN DRAGON
PRINCESS.



IF THEY
WERE DISGUISED,
THERE'S NO WAY THEY
WOULDN'T KNOW
HER NAME.

THAT'S GREAT!
THE PRINCESS OWES
YOU ANYWAYS,

SO IT'LL BE
EASY TO ASK HER
FOR THE SNAKE'S
NAME!

BUT
I'M NOT SURE
HOW TO CONTACT
HER...



WHAT?

DOESN'T ANYONE
AT THE EASTERN
DRAGON PALACE HAVE
A CELLPHONE?

HMM

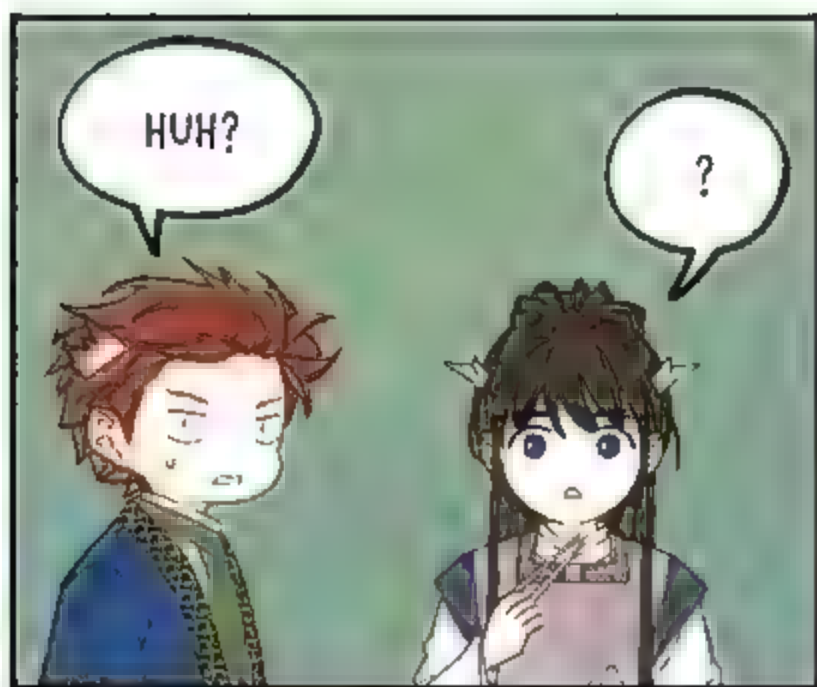
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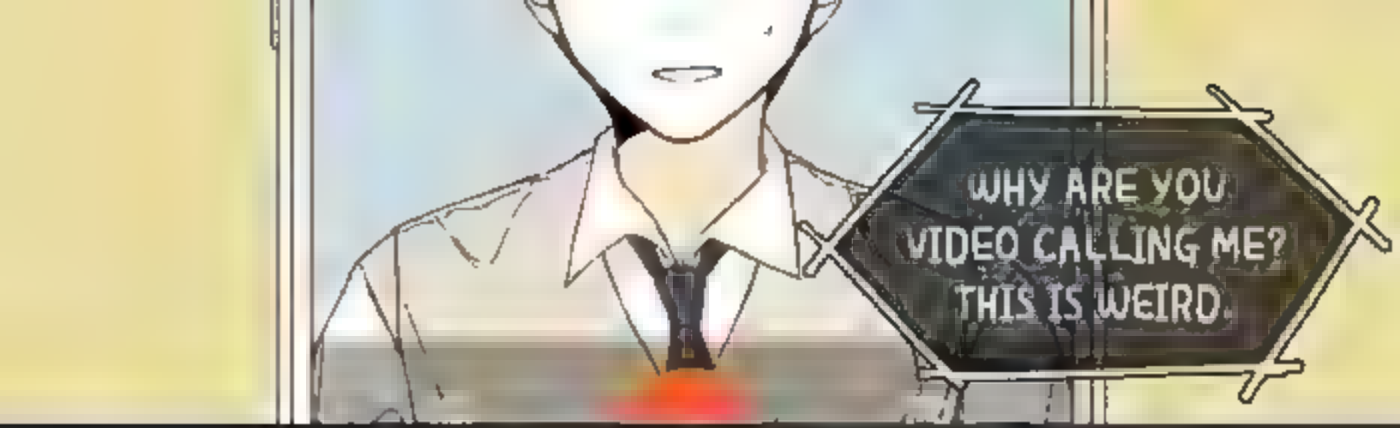
WELL,
EVEN LORD YISHIMI
BRINGS A TURTLE AROUND
EVERYWHERE WHEN
HE LIVES ON
LAND...

THERE IS
SOMEONE...









I HAVE TO
TURN IN MY PHONE
TO MY HOMEROOM
TEACHER SOON.

WE'LL BE
QUICK...!

YOU MAY
KNOW THIS SINCE
YOU LOOKED INTO THE
PAST OF EVERY EXAMINEE
DURING THE SECOND
EXAM!

WE WANT
TO KNOW THE
NAME OF THIS SNAKE,
LORD YISHIMI'S
FRIEND!

BAM



YOUNG YOO :
A- IN ART



HMM...

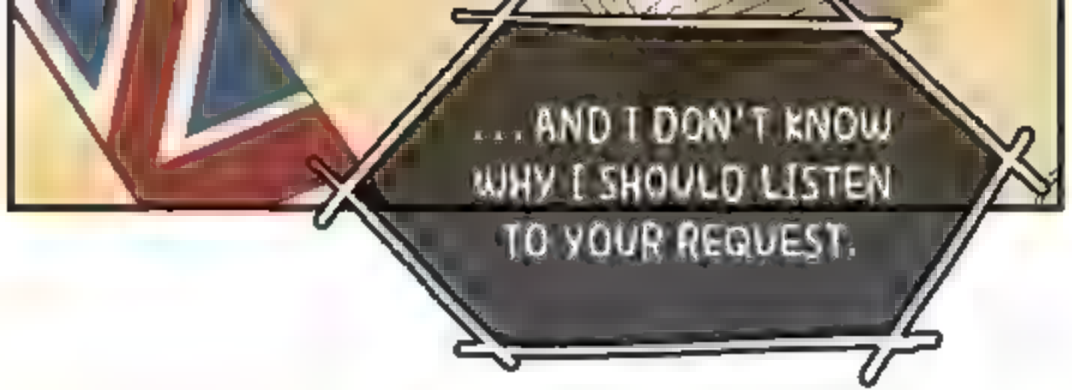
THE PAST
WAS THE TOPIC OF
THE PREVIOUS
EXAM...

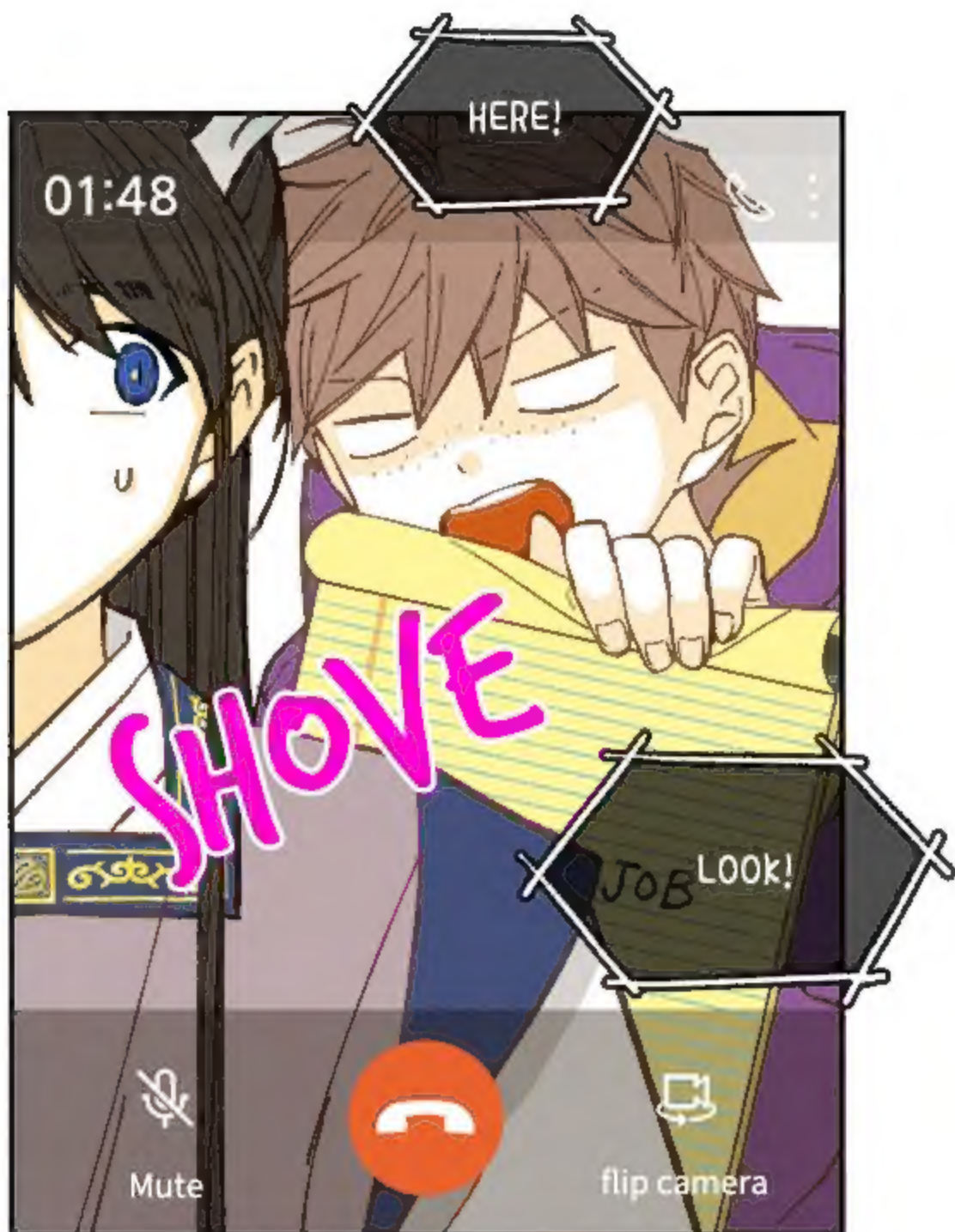
... BUT WHY
SHOULD I ASSIST
YOU IN LOOKING INTO
YOUR COMPETITOR'S
PAST?

IF YOU FEEL THAT
THIS IS UNFAIR...









WHAT IS THAT?

I SHOWED YOU
MY PROFILE LAST
TIME, RIGHT?

IF YOU TELL US
THE NAME...

I'LL GIVE
YOU...

... MY GAMER
TAG.





I JUST NEED
TO TELL YOU HER
NAME... ?